Software Piracy

437. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM) propose to publish White Paper on Software Piracy as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 15th April, 1993;

(b) whether it is a fact that the loss to manufacturers of software in the country due to piracy has been estimated to be Rs. 72 crores;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Secretary, Department of Electronics has reportedly assured the National Association of Software and Service Companies that their demand for zero duty on imported software would be placed before Government of India for containing software piracy; and

(d) if so, whether any Committee for monitoring the implementation by the provisions of this Copyright Act has been set up so far, if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the analysis by NASSCOM the estimated loss due to Software Piracy, in the year 1991-92 was Rs. 75 crores.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir.

Information Highway Network

438. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up Rs. 100 crores new generation high speed, high performance, Information Highway network in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details are being worked out.

Salt Plant at Kandla

439. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the U. S. multinational Cargil has been permitted to set up a Salt Plant at Kandla;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that setting up of this plant at this location would jeopardise our security interests; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to safeguard our security interests ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (d) A letter of permission has

been issued to M|s. Cargil South East Asia Ltd., Singapore in August, 1992 to set up a 100 per cent Export Oriented Unit in Kutch District of Gujarat for manufacture of 10 lakh tonnes of solar salt per annum with the condition that entire (100 per cent) production shall be exported to General Currency Area| Hard Currency Area Countries. The party had later on approached the Kandla Port Trust for allotment of 15,000 acres of land which was not approved by the Kandla Port Trust Board.

Pubilc Sector undertakings in Andhra Pradesh

440. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the names o fthe public sector undertakings functioning in Andhra Pradesh, location-wise;

(b) the total investment made in each of them; and

(c) the details of the profits and losses incurred by each of these undertakings during each of the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) As on 31-3-1992 there were twelve Central Public Sector Undertakings in the State of Andhra Pradesh. Name of these enterprises together with their location, total investment and profit|loss during last three years are given in the Annexed Statement.

STATEMENT

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of PSE	Location	Investment in terms of equity and loans as on 31-3-92	Net profit/loss during 91-92	90-91	89-90
1.	Bharat Dynamics Ltd.	Hyderabad	35309	1291	485	1372
2.	Bharat Heavy Plate & Vessels Ltd.	Visakhapatnam	4871	61	46	184
3.	CMC Ltd.	Secunderabad	3960	157	—678	85
4.	Electronic Corpn. of India Ltd.	Hyderabad	15003	—2758	—1038	329
5.	Hindustan Flurocarbons Ltd.	-do-	6618	—161	—461	—905
6.	HMT Bearing Ltd.	-do-	1331	340	355	21
7.	Mishra Dhatu Nigam Ltd.	-do-	13805	134	57	54
8.	National Mineral Dev. Corpn.	-do-	15887	12021	4630	3684
9.	Praga Tools Ltd.	Secunderabad	2915	—249	—170	81
10.	Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd.	Visakhapatnam	807071	—98693	—47755	
11.	Southern Pesticides & Chemicals Ltd.	Hydrerabad	1181	47	—108	—147
12.	Sponge Iron India Ltd.	-do-	3872	286	87	134